

Attorney Docket No. LWEP:104aUS  
U.S. Patent Application No. 10/728,530  
Reply to Office Action of December 10, 2004  
Date: January 3, 2005

**Remarks/Arguments**

**Reply to Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment**

Applicant received a Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed December 10, 2004. The amendment was filed November 23, 2004 in response to an Office Action mailed August 23, 2004. Specifically, it appears to Applicant that the Amendment is noncompliant for the reason that it was filed without listing cancelled Claims 1-6. Claims 1-6 were cancelled in a preliminary amendment filed December 8, 2003. Applicant has corrected the Reply by including in the instant Reply a listing of claims and their status to include the status of cancelled Claims 1-6. Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the noncompliant notice and consideration on the merits of the Reply of November 23, 2004.

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**Conclusion**

Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is now in condition for consideration on the merits, which action is courteously requested. The Examiner is invited and encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney of record if such contact will facilitate an efficient examination and allowance of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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